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In re Application of :
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Application No.: 10/537,535 :
PCT No.: PCT/IB03/06339 :
Int. Filing Date: 05 December 2003 :
Priority Date: 05 December 2002 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 960002 :
For: WOUND MAPPING SYSTEM :

DECISION

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 05 December 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/IB03/06339 claiming priority to a British patent application filed 05 December 2002.

On 03 June 2005, applicants filed papers to enter the national stage of PCT/IB03/06339 using docket number 960002. However, applicant did not submit any fees or provide authorization to charge the basic national fee on the transmittal letter accompanying these documents. This application was given U.S. application number 10/537,534.

On 06 June 2005, counsel filed a duplicate national stage application for PCT/IB03/06339 using attorney docket number 960000000002. The transmittal letter included authorization to charge the basic national fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. This application was given U.S. application number 10/537,793.

DISCUSSION

Two Sets of Papers to Enter National Stage

As is evident from the above recited facts, two sets of papers to enter the national stage were submitted for international application PCT/IB03/06339. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application. Therefore, the submission of two sets of national stage papers to enter the United States was improper.

CONCLUSION

Both applications will be merged into one national stage application for PCT/IB03/06339.

Applicants are advised that U.S. application No. 10/537,793 is no longer a valid U.S. National stage application. Applicants must use only U.S. application No. **10/537,535** for all correspondence to the national stage application of PCT/IB03/06339. The attorney docket number is 960002.

The appropriate fees for entering the national stage have been charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 as authorized.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.



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